

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1546 - HB 1174

March 2, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the establishment of an additional fund to be used for a grant program for providing additional resources for individual schools who have lost instructional time due to weather. Such fund shall be subject to annual appropriation. The Commissioner of Education shall promulgate rules to effectuate the purpose of the program and make grants to schools. Appropriate uses of grant funds include the reduction of class sizes and the hiring of additional teacher aides. The bill is to take effect July 1, 2002.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000 FY02-03 and thereafter

Estimate assumes that:

- since the bill merely *authorizes* but does not mandate the establishment of a grant program, state expenditures would not increase until funds are appropriated and expended for the grant program.
- if such funds are appropriated and grants are made to schools who have lost instructional time to weather conditions involving heat and inadequate air conditioning, state expenditures would increase. Such increase would be dependent upon the number of eligible schools and the number and the amount of such grants made. Such increase in state expenditures is estimated to exceed \$100,000 statewide beginning in FY02-03.

For information purposes, there are 138 local education agencies statewide.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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